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CITY DEPARTMENT.

Malaga grapes at Imboden's.

J. S. Hand & Co.'s is the cheapest place to buy books.

Harvey Downing drives a nobby rig, and his hack meets all trains.

Outboard crackers, at Billy Nicodemus's, on Pacific street.

All the popular poets, in splendid gift binding, at the City Book Store.

Warm meals at Simpson's restaurant and bakery for 30 cents.

Another fresh invoice of that superb Wisconsin buckwheat flour, at D. M. Barnett & Co.'s.

A splendid lot of books, suitable for Christmas gifts, at J. S. Hand & Co.'s.

A new brick walk is being laid from the St. Nicholas Hotel north to West Main street.

A nice pair of boots or shoes makes a very choice Christmas present, and the place to buy them is at G. F. Wesel's.

Another fresh invoice of New York Backwater flour at Pratt's.

Beautiful Diaries for 1876, at the City Book Store.

Leave orders for B. F. Taylor's huck lace at Armstrong's drug store.

Sylvester Bros. have a large and choice lot of fresh candles for the holidays.

Beautiful gold pens, for presents, at J. S. Hand & Co.'s.

While you are buying your holiday supplies remember that E. B. Pratt & Son have a fine assortment of queensware, glassware, cutlery, etc., together with a full supply of fresh groceries, poultry, candies, etc.

An immense stock of miscellaneous books for Christmas gifts, at the City Book Store.

Choice fresh celery at Newell & Hammer's.

In fitting their homes for the holidays people will find at Abel & Locke's a great variety of attractive carpet goods, window drape, and other articles in the line of house furnishing. Nothing can be nicer for a Christmas gift than a beautiful carpet. A word to the wise is sufficient.

J. S. Hand & Co. have the finest assortment of holiday goods, of every description.

Nice oysters raw, or cooked in any style at Ansbach & Casse's.

Go to Niedermeyer's for choice crackers of all kinds.

Toy books for the little folks, in endless variety, at the City Book Store.

McEvoy's New Hibernian is to show at the opera house on Friday and Saturday evenings of this week, and will give a grand matinee on Saturday afternoon at 2:30.

We notice a new frame going up on Front street (Levee) intended for a meat market.

Handsome Family Bibles, cheap, for Christmas presents, at J. S. Hand & Co.'s.

An Immense Show.—This caption fails to give a just idea of the extent of the poultry show now in progress in Powers' Hall in this city. At ten o'clock this morning, 350 coops had been placed in position, averaging three fowls each, and several other entries are yet to be made, so that it is expected that the number of coops will reach nearly or quite 400. Of the quality of the stock we can say it was the finest we ever saw. To give the names of all the exhibitors and the number of coops entered by each would be more of a task than we should wish to undertake and could contribute nothing to the interest or success of the exhibition. We notice that Ohio, Indiana, Iowa and Wisconsin are represented. We refrain from making any comments of the stock of any particular exhibition, leaving it for the awarding committee to say where the laurels should be placed.

Now to the public we wish to say that an exhibition of this extent and excellence is entitled to a liberal patronage, and the low rates of admission being within reach of all, we trust that our people will make it a point to go with their families. We know of no place where an hour can be spent with more genuine satisfaction than in looking through this vast assemblage of the feathered tribe.

Let the ball be crowded every day.—The awarding of premiums will commence this afternoon but not in time for our paper today.

A Nice Present for Christmas would be one of those beautiful Automatic Sewing Machines, at J. S. Hand & Co.'s.

Urrah! for Minckley & Dodson, who are giving the people such wonderful bargains at their auction store. Remember their great queensware sale in court house block, which is to continue through the holidays. Such bargains were never before known in Decatur.

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THE BEST IS THE CHEAPEST.

In purchasing indemnity against loss by fire you pay for an article to be delivered in the future. A loss may occur under your policy of insurance in a day or week—perhaps nearly a year from now. Reliable insurance cannot be furnished at less than cost, and afford a guarantee against future losses.

The following old-tried and reliable Companies refer you to an honorable record of many years, and the searching trials of Portland, Chicago, Boston, etc.:

Gen. of Hartford,	\$1,000,000
Gen. of New York,	4,700,000
Hartford, of Hartford,	3,000,000
Underwriters' Agency,	3,000,000
Phoenix, of Brooklyn,	2,000,000
Springfield Fire Ins. Co.,	1,500,000
American Central,	700,000

Insure with them.

WARREN & DUNFEE, Agents.

Another Novelty.—At the Catholic festival to-morrow night a handsome silver cake basket, with a beautiful candy pyramid upon it, and a very large fruit cake, will be voted to the most popular fire company. This will afford the friends of the various companies an opportunity of showing their zeal for their favorite, and at the same time assist a worthy object.

Ladies' Cloaks, corsets, and white underwear; children's circulars and robes, at Goldmann's.

COMPLIMENTARY LETTER.

—Marshall Harworth is in receipt of a letter from Mr. Bowles, living near Littlefield, who had a horse stolen some time since which Mr. Harworth was instrumental in recovering. Mr. B. thinks the man who stole his horse is not far away and gives the officers a hint that may be the means of putting him on the trail. The letter is highly complimentary to the Marshall for his activity in recovering the animal.

FOR THE HOLIDAYS.

All kinds of fancy goods and notions, at greatly reduced prices at Goldmann's.

Concert.—There will be an entertainment at the Illinois Congregational church in Illinois, Monday evening, December 27, 1875, commencing at 7 o'clock, for the benefit of the society. The male quartette, from Danley's Temple of Music, Lincoln, Ill., will be present with some fine vocal selections.

There will also be refreshments furnished by the ladies of the society. Admission, 25 cents.

BURGLARY AT BLUE MOUND.

—On Monday night some persons effected an entrance to the store, at Blue Mound, and stole a lot of clothing and jewelry. The rascals got in by getting an anger from a shop near by and boring holes through the door until they had made an opening large enough to run an arm through, by which means they removed a heavy cross-bar by which the door was fastened. This done they entered the store, overhauled the goods, and took away quite a quantity, as stated above. The exact value of the goods taken was not known when our informant left.

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